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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 1, insert

--This application is a 371 of PCT/FR01/00067 filed January  
10, 2001.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claim 1 and add the following claim:

--12. A method of maturation of Keratinocytes and amplifying  
the synthesis of the cytokins and increase of the desmosomial  
proteins in a warm-blooded animal which consists in applying on the  
body of said warm-blooded animal an amount of a cosmetic  
composition containing an extract of algae of the Dictyotales  
family, effective for limiting the problems connected to ageing.--

Claim 2 (amended) The method of claim 12 wherein the active  
extract is a product prepared after extraction from the algae and